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by being God’s Love in Action”*

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Pastors purchase books all the time. I find new books at

conferences from denomination leaders and from publishers, and I’m even given new books from you. You can tell this by the stack behind my desk that I mean to read sooner than later! Like you, I have favorite topics. My most recent purchases relate to conferences I’ve just attended on church growth and culture change. I am intrigued by other church leaders and the stories they share about their journey of ministry.

What’s fascinating to me is that the stack never seems to get smaller! I read a few of the books... and then I attend another continuing education

Cindy's Chalkboard

A Good Read

event... and I’ll add even more books back to the stack than I took away!!

The challenge always seems to be knowing what to read to be a good steward of time. I remember back in my seminary days there were always more books to read and study than there was time. Oh, how much I longed to have the time to choose what I wanted to read. How I lived for the day to be able to make that choice!

I’m certain there are many of you who can relate. There are times when I enjoy jumping into a rich, theologically sound teaching that feeds my soul, and there are times when

there’s nothing better than taking time to read one of current best sellers! Whatever time we have, we get to choose!

Of course no other book ever written can replace the wisdom and guidance of the Bible. The most exciting part is knowing that it is God’s living Word! It never gets old, we can always find a way to relate it to our lives, and every time you read it, you’ll find something in it that you hadn’t read before.

God’s Word is always working in our lives. Take time to read it. Let the Bible speak to you.

Together in the journey!
- Pastor Cindy

Commitment Sunday—a Glorious Day of Celebration!

This past Sunday was Commitment Sunday and what a glorious day it was as we presented our commitments of time and financial gifts to God’s work for this next year!

Didn’t the Praise Band and One Spirit Choir do a wonderful job in offering God’s Word through song? And what about our Jubilation Ringers, and our

Children’s Celebration Choir under the direction of **Lindsey Morgan**? Our fun and talented Liturgical Dancers directed by **Deena Smith** are certainly something to be proud of!

Sunday was a testimony to so many of the wonderful elements of worship we are blessed with at New Haven UMC. We give thanks to **Ste-**

phen Merrick, our Director of Music Ministries, for all of his time and effort in putting this all together. May God be given all the praise and glory!!

Please be in prayer for God’s leading and directing of our commitments in the days ahead. Your giving of your time and treasure enable ministry to happen!

A Note of Thanks from a New Haven Family

To everyone at New Haven United Methodist Church, I want to thank each and every one of you for everything you have done for my children and me. I want to thank everyone for helping us get through some hard times (and we have had some really hard times). I also want to thank everyone for helping me purchase my Kettering books for my respiratory national certification test. I greatly appreciate each and every one of you. I also want to thank all of you for accepting and loving my children and me. We have been to many different churches and no church will ever compare to New Haven United Methodist Church. The congregation here is undoubtedly a loving and caring group of people. This church is truly following and worshipping Jesus. Thank you New Haven United Methodist Church. We sincerely love and care for each and every one of you.

Love D'Lon, Omni, and D'Londria

UMPTENAGERS ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

October 18th the Umpteenagers will be traveling to Claremore to enjoy lunch together at the Hammett House followed by a tour of the Will Rogers Museum. The Museum admission is \$5.00 and will include a guided tour, there must be at least 10 people for the guided tour. Please mark your calendars and join us. **Everyone is invited!** Be at the reception area at church by 10:30 AM and we should return by mid afternoon. If you have any questions or if you are planning to join us please call Alon J. Soderfelt at 918-622-7006 or email at alon.sodefelt@cox.net.

BEAUTIFUL TALIHINA DRIVE FOLLIAGE TRIP ON NOVEMBER 19TH

We are planning a bus trip to see the glorious autumn colors of the Tahihina foliage on Saturday, November 12th (date change from last week's article). We are taking the church bus and will have 15 seats available, so if you would love to ooh and aah and take lots of pictures of God's beautiful Fall paint job, please sign up at the hallway table or call the church office. The cost will be appx. \$20/pp and will include lunch.



Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

**Sunday, Oct. 30
4:00 – 6:00 pm**

This event is an awesome opportunity to bring our entire church and Day School together so families can have a fun and safe community activity.

How can you help? I am glad you asked!

- ◆ Our very own Youth Group will be selling hotdogs, chips, and drinks.
 - ◆ Place a yard sign in your front yard. (Available in the church office).
 - ◆ Get busy and decorate your car trunks and provide treats as the children wow you with their costumes as they *Trunk-Or-Treat*.
 - ◆ We need people to staff the games and hand out prizes.
 - ◆ Supervise the Jupiter Jump.
 - ◆ Help with set up and clean up
- Sharing the joy, *Ms. Paula*

FROM PATRICK'S DESK. . .

So let's talk about Commitment. With today being commitment Sunday it's that time of year where we focus on our commitment to God. Now I know – many people associate this immediately with getting out your wallet. ☺ And yes, “with a cheerful heart” we are called to give, but this means SOOOOOOO much more than giving financially. You probably saw in your commitment envelopes the additional missional, ministerial, and time opportunities that each of us has to commit to God as well. My prayer is that you didn't just disregard these as secondary whether or not you filled out the financial commitment form. This church is such an incredible “vehicle” for our community in how we find new and exciting ways to give back to God what is already His. Those ministry and mission opportunities are CRITICAL to us building His kingdom, and as I have shared with the youth – several of whom are young enough yet to not fully appreciate the value of a dollar – they are parts of this church that along with building up our communities around us build up the community within this church. From acolyte's to scripture readers, and everything in between these roles create a stronger worship service that allow each of us to have an even closer experience on Sunday's with our Lord. And if you stop to think about them these areas of ministry while often “behind the scenes” build the complete picture of why New Haven UMC is the model of God's “vehicle” that we love so much. So my prayer for our youth, and for each of you is that you'll prayerfully consider no matter your financial gift stepping out in faith and see if God may have a place in one of these areas that you could share your gifts and talents!

God bless from the youth,
Patrick

IT'S "MOUNTAIN OF FOOD" TIME AGAIN!!!

The "Mountain of Food" mission-sponsored event that benefits Restore Hope Ministries began at New Haven UMC in 2002. Since that time, this congregation has contributed over 100,000 pounds of food. Last year the New Haven congregation collected 9,612 pounds of food that translates to 12,408 cans or boxes – what an impact you have made on the lives of people in the Tulsa area!

The "Mountain of Food" campaign is one of the ways that our congregation helps this ministry. Members are encouraged to contribute money that goes to purchase flats of boxed or canned food. These flats of food are then stacked in the front of the New Haven sanctuary.

Dick and Kay Garwood are New Haven's Restore Hope representatives. Be looking for the order forms in The Spire and as a bulletin insert to make your selection and donation. We will begin seeing the food mountain starting on Sunday, October 30. On Sunday, November 13, the flats of food will be blessed during the morning worship service and then delivered immediately afterwards to Restore Hope Ministries.

Together we can build high a "Mountain of Food" that will provide Restore Hope Ministries with a means to reduce hunger in the Tulsa area as well as provide hope for many low-income working families.

YOUR ORDER FORM MAY BE TURNED IN ON SUNDAY OR MAILED TO THE CHURCH!

<i># of flats</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Price per Flat</i>	<i>Totals</i>
_____	Soups.....	\$15.00	_____
_____	Peanut butter.....	\$18.00	_____
_____	Tuna.....	\$16.00	_____
_____	Pork & Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Peas.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Green Beans.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Corn.....	\$6.00	_____
_____	Peaches.....	\$12.00	_____
_____	Apple Sauce.....	\$17.00	_____
_____	Fruit cocktail.....	\$11.00	_____
_____	Pasta.....	\$13.00	_____
_____	Cornbread Mix.....	\$12.00	_____
_____	Cereal.....	\$18.00	_____
_____	Canned Chicken.....	\$18.00	_____

Signed: _____ Total: _____

Please make check payable to New Haven UMC and write "Mt. Of Food" on memo line.

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
 1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:00 pm Bishop Nunn Installation Service @ Asbury UMC
 4:30 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 10:00 am Grief Recovery Group/Parlor
 6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
 6:30 pm Bluegrass Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 6:00 pm Invitation to Romans Study/Parsonage
 6:00 pm Praise Band/Sanctuary
 6:00 pm Day School Council/Parlor
 6:00 pm Community Craft Workshop/161
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts/Gym & Parlor
 7:30 pm AA/ 185,205,209,210

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 6:00 pm Youth Group
 6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
 7:00 pm Bell Choir
 7:00 pm ACOA/185

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 7:15 pm Yoga/Parlor

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

- 7:30 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 8:45 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church
 12:15 pm Pre-Conference Meeting for Administrative Council/Parlor
 3:30 pm Liturgical Dance/Sanctuary
 4:00 pm Fall Festival/Gym & Outside
 4:30 pm Disciple I/Parlor
 5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
 7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. Cindy Havlik	Senior Pastor
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Pastor
Jennifer Payton	Business Manager
Stephen Merrick	Music Director
Patrick Grafton	Youth Director
Paula Fox	Children's Director
Pat Bates	Adm. Assistant
Ann Martin	Financial Secretary
Mary Ann Cunningham	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Kacie Kendrick	Day School Dir.
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian



October Birthdays

2. Richard Jaeger
Betty Hodge
Carol Morgan
5. Brett Hensley
6. Bill Ford
George Stevenson
7. Paula Fox
Kate Scruggs
9. Nancy Gunter
10. Mark Morgan
Jim Leach
14. Janet Hopkins
22. Diane Kaufmann
25. Sue Hunnicutt
26. Greg Gotcher
Sam Puryear
Teresa Roberts
27. Sue Duncan
Kala Morgan
29. Emily Painter

PLEASE PRAY FOR. . .

Beverly Vincent
 Carolyn Toalson
 Robin Stevens
 Kelly Sartain
 Greg Gotcher

Friends & Family of New Haven UMC

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Mary Ann Cunningham's brother, Bob; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants & leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers & visits appreciated)

Marjorie Stewart
 Ovella Followell
 Rosemary Tarr
 Dot and Kelly Haynes
 Dorothy Koons

ATTENDANCE

October 16, 2016

8:45 am - 64
 11:00 am - 118
Total: 182

Sunday School

Adults -55
Youth - 9
Children - 9

Adult Sunday School Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class
Galatians

Room 209: Fellowship Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 210: New Friendship Class
In the Footsteps of St. Peter

Parlor: Christian Living Class
Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 103 Interlude Class
"Revival" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Beginnings
"In the Footsteps of St. Peter"

Gym: Roundtable "The Gospel According to Starbucks" by Leonard Sweet

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to pat.bates@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

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